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**READING IS FOR EVERYONE!**

While the patrons of the Kentucky Talking Book Library (KTBL) are a little different than most public library patrons in Kentucky, they still have a full range of interests and information needs. One KTBL patron had lost her sight in her 60s due to the effects of a stroke. She had been a volunteer in her local literacy program, and her blindness did not stop her work in this area. Nor did it stop her from taking up an even bigger challenge -- getting a college degree! Last May she graduated from Western Kentucky University with a major in Behavioral Sciences and a minor in Education. She was able to do so with the use of a KTBL cassette player, and she obtained her textbooks from Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic the Kentucky Department for the Blind. All this at the age of 71!

The Kentucky Talking Book Library began in 1968 to serve library patrons in Kentucky whose physical disabilities prevented them from reading printed matter. Today, KTBL has three libraries - one each in Frankfort, Louisville and Covington. Patronage has grown from 500 to 5,500, and circulation has increased from 20,000 to 210,000. KTBL now offers books in either Braille or cassette. The collection consists of approximately 50,000 book titles and subscriptions to some 75 magazines. Each year, KYBL records four magazines and forty books that are either about Kentucky subject interests or written by Kentucky authors.

The blind make up the largest part of KTBL patrons. People who are legally blind (20/200 after correction or less than a 2% field of view) are automatically qualified. The next group of KTBL

patrons is made up of physically disabled people whose physical disability prevents them from holding a book or turning its pages. Finally, KTBL serves the learning disabled or reading disabled. These people have a neurological condition, still not completely understood, that interferes with the recognition and decoding of printed characters and the words they form. Persons need not have a permanent disability in order to qualify for service from the Kentucky Talking Book Library. People with temporary qualifying conditions, such as those recovering from surgery or whose medication interferes with their vision, can also become KTBL patrons.

All Kentucky Talking Book Library services are free to qualifying patrons. Patrons receive a free cassette player, which will be repaired or replaced should anything happen to it. Books and magazines travel through the mail postage-free. Readers' Advisory service is available. Patrons may contact the library by mail, e-mail, fax or through a toll-free telephone number.

The Kentucky Talking Book Library fills an important gap in providing library services to Kentuckians who cannot use standard public library materials. A patron who is having difficulty with the large-print books in the public library's collection would be an excellent candidate for KTBL services. Perhaps a blind or physically disabled person comes into the library with family members. Public libraries can serve these citizens by referring them to KTBL. For more information, please call at 1-800-372-2968. KTBL staff are always interested in bringing service to more people and making the joy of reading available to all.

## DATA PROJECTORS ARE HERE!

Have you ever wanted to give a PowerPoint presentation about your library and your services to the Rotary but didn't have the equipment? Have you ever wanted to train more than two people at a time on Internet resources? Have you ever wanted to show a video to more than 5 people at once? Have local community groups ever asked if you had a data projector for loan? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then we have good news for you.

Each regional office has received two data projector sets for loan. Each set includes a data projector, an amplifier, speakers and wireless microphone, and a wheeled carrying case. This equipment can be utilized with training and/or other presentations. The data projector can be used with a laptop or a desktop computer to project computer generated files or Internet sites. By using this equipment, library staff and community members can receive technology-based training at the local level. These sets can also be used during programs to project videos to large audiences.

These sets are available for loan to the public libraries in each region for use in the library or for loan to clients of those libraries especially local community organizations. Please check with your Regional Librarian for availability.

## CERTIFICATION REMINDER

It's January again – that time of the year for submitting certification information to your Regional Librarian. This year, the use of the new forms is *required*. These forms may be found in the most recent edition of the *Certification Manual* (the green book) or online at <http://www.kdla.net/libserv/cert.htm>. Questions? Contact your Regional Librarian.

## WOLFE COUNTY SUCCESS

The Friends of the Wolfe County Public Library raised \$350,000 to help pay for building a new library on donated property worth \$55,000. They collected money in jars at stores for a



"Mile of Quarters" and posted their progress by painting quarters on the road to denote amounts received. The Friends also sponsored an auction with proceeds going to the library. A local group sponsored a ping-pong tournament. The PTA offered matching funds for any money collected by students and were so successful that they had to put an upper limit on their match. Friends kept the fund drive in the paper and the process drove itself as new groups thought of ways to raise funds. This is a spectacular success of a grassroots effort that demonstrates the power of community action!

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## CALL KDLAS PAGE HOME

The home page for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives contains a wealth of information for librarians and library lovers alike. In fact, the information available for public libraries makes this a vital tool. Resources to be found here include [public library statistics](#), and construction information, and [SelectionNotes](#), a bi-monthly publication for library staff involved with collection development. To explore topics of interest to public libraries, click on [Kentucky Public Libraries](#) on the left-hand bar.

Other resources located on KDLAs web page include [genealogical information](#) from the Archives Division, the [Job Hotline](#) for employment in Kentucky libraries, and an [events calendar](#). The [online catalog](#) for KDLA is just a click away, an [e-mail reference service](#) is offered. It is even possible to apply for a [State Library Card](#) online!

The web address for KDLA is [www.kdla.net](http://www.kdla.net). Check it out!

## CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) has compiled a list of books intended to comfort and inform children following the recent terrorist attacks. The annotated list spans all reading levels, from pre-readers to young adult, and is arranged by category, with an emphasis on themes such as tolerance, conflict resolution, coping with fear, and historical perspectives of war. With the help of major publishers who submitted their own recommendations, SCBWI has published the list as a downloadable document on its Web site at [www.scbwi.org](http://www.scbwi.org).



## KY LIBRARY FEATURED IN SLJ

The LaRue County Public Library received national attention for their "Who Wants to Be a Million Dollar Reader?" after-school library program. Kathy Crawford, Children's and Youth Services Librarian, wrote the article which appeared in the December 5 issue of *School Library Journal*. The program, modeled after the popular "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" television series, featured book-related questions. Read about this wildly successful program at <http://sljreviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleId=CA184210&display=searchResults>.

## DISTANCE LEARNING MLIS?

Ohio Valley Area Libraries (OVAL) Regional Library System in Wellston, located in southern Ohio, is a potential host for the Masters of Library and Information Science Distance Degree Program of Kent State University's School of Library and Information Science. This well-balanced degree program will lead to an MLIS degree for potential students in Ohio and bordering states who might otherwise not be able to attend Kent State University.

This 36 hour masters program is designed to offer 12 courses in three blocks of four over a three-year period. When the program is completed, the student will have earned a Masters in Library and Information Science from Kent State University.

The program is projected to begin in the fall of 2002. For further information and to put your name on the list as one who is interested in participating in this program please visit: [www.oval.lib.oh.us/MLIS.htm](http://www.oval.lib.oh.us/MLIS.htm). OVAL's contact person for this program is Director Jimmie Epling at [<jeplingji@oplin.lib.oh.us>](mailto:jeplingji@oplin.lib.oh.us) or 1-800-759-1537, ext.6.

## CATALOGING TIPS

If anyone has used the subject heading that I told you about in last month's column – guess what – it has been revised! The Library of Congress changed their mind on the wording between the proposed list and the weekly list. The correct, and I hope, final form is “September 11 Terrorist Attacks, 2001”. I have not seen a Dewey number for the terrorist attacks and subsequent war, but I will be sure to pass it along when I see something official. The following subject headings might be of interest in cataloging books on the recent events in our country. These headings can also be used as main entries or added entries. I have included the appropriate MARC tags and indicators.

610 2 Taliban.  
651 0 Kabul (Afghanistan)  
650 0 Terrorism (Can be subdivided geographically)  
600 10 Bin Laden, Osama, \$d 1957-  
610 2 Qaida (Organization)

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions. We are always glad to help!

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## COOL IDEA

The Kenton County Public Library collected “library success stories” and displayed public support of the library – at very little cost. The library provided paper hearts which were die-cut, and asked library patrons to write what they love about the library on them. The hearts were then posted in the library. The collection of public endorsements will be useful in garnering support for the library.



## CIVIL RIGHTS VIDEO

A new documentary, *Living the Story: The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky*, which presents the powerful stories of Kentuckians' efforts to end legal segregation in the commonwealth, will be broadcast statewide at 8:00 PM EST/7:00 PM CST on Monday, January 21 – the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday – on Kentucky Educational Television (KET). The film is presented by the Kentucky Oral History Commission of the Kentucky Historical Society.

The Oral History Commission encourages community groups to organize "viewing parties" for the January 21 broadcast. Several have been organized at college and university campuses statewide, churches, and other locations. A discussion guide is available for download.

Since many public libraries are closed for the holiday, KET will make this documentary available via satellite feed on the following dates:

Thursday, January 24 10:00-11:00 AM EST  
9:00-10:00 AM CST  
Friday, February 7 3:00-4:00 PM EST  
2:00-3:00 PM CST

Also, public libraries may purchase this video directly from KET for \$16.45, including shipping. Each Regional Office will also receive a copy. This documentary provides an excellent programming opportunity for public libraries – especially during Black History Month in February.

For more information about this documentary and programming information, go to [www.kyhistory.org/Programs/KOHC/CRDocumentary/KOHC\\_Documentary\\_splash.htm](http://www.kyhistory.org/Programs/KOHC/CRDocumentary/KOHC_Documentary_splash.htm). The contact person for ordering copies of the video from KET is Roger Tremaine at 1-859-257-7000, ext. 7217.

**“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.”**

-- American Library Association

## PLANNING FOR EVENTS AHEAD

**D**on't forget the following special events and dates for library related activities:

**January 18-23** American Library Association Mid-winter Conference in New Orleans.

**January 30** Handheld Computers in the Information Age workshop in Cincinnati.

**February 22-23** McConnell Conference in Lexington.

**March** Solinet Library Web Page Design class in Louisville.

**March** Solinet Library Web Page Design class in Lexington.

**March** Solinet Basic HTML 4 class in Louisville.

**March** Solinet Basic HTML 4 class in Lexington.

**March** MS PowerPoint class in Paducah.

**March** MS PowerPoint class in Morehead.

**March** MS Excel class in Elizabethtown.

**March** MS Excel class in Louisville.

**March** MS Word class in Owensboro.

**March** MS Word class in Somerset.

**March 1** Read Across America.

**March 6** Summer Reading 2002 workshop @ Capital Plaza Holiday Inn in Frankfort.

**March 7** Summer Reading 2002 workshop @ Capital Plaza Holiday Inn in Frankfort.

**March 8** Summer Reading 2002 workshop @ Capital Plaza Holiday Inn in Frankfort.

**March 13-16** Public Library Association Conference in Phoenix.

**March 16** Freedom of Information Day.

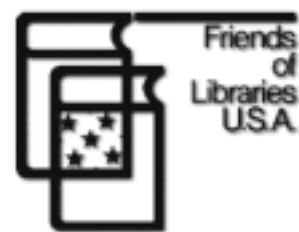
For information regarding workshop opportunities, please check KDLAs web page at [www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm](http://www.kdla.net/events/ce.htm).

## GOT FRIENDS?

**F**riends of Libraries U.S.A.(FOLUSA)

is a membership organization of more than two thousand local Library Friends groups. The mission is to motivate and support local Friends groups across the country in their efforts to preserve and strengthen libraries. This organization provides a wealth of information for local Friends groups and for libraries interested in establishing Friends groups.

Many of FOLUSAs resources, such as factsheets and an idea bank, can be found at [www.folusa.com/](http://www.folusa.com/). Membership information may also be found here.





## VERNON COOPER LIBRARY HONORS PUBLIC LIBRARY LEADER

Dr. C. Vernon Cooper's leadership role in the development of public libraries and many contributions to the public libraries of Kentucky, and especially of the Perry County Public Library, were recognized by the Perry County Public Library Board of Trustees when the library was named the Vernon Cooper Library. Jim L. Roark, President of the P.C.P.L. Board of Trustees, presented an award plaque to Dr. Cooper.



Dr. Cooper, a lifelong Hazard resident, established the Perry County Library District and led the effort toward the building of a modern public library in Hazard that opened in 1971. His work was responsible for the Library receiving an American Library Association's John Cotton Dana award in recognition of the library's outstanding public relations program.

On the state level, Dr. Cooper served on the Kentucky Advisory Council on Libraries for 21 years, serving as Chairman for over 16 of those years. In addition, Cooper led the efforts to construct the current Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives building in Frankfort. In recognition of this work, Governor Brereton Jones and the Department of Libraries and Archives named the access road to the facility Vernon Cooper Drive. Governor Jones also named the main facility on Coffee Tree Road for Dr. Cooper and Dr. Thomas D. Clark.

Dr. Cooper's work has also been recognized on the national level. He was awarded the American Library Trustee Citation by the American Library Association in 1983, the only Kentuckian to be so named in the history of that award. He has also worked on the national level toward the development of public libraries, belonging to the American Library Trustee Association and serving on the Steering Committee for The White House Conference on Libraries.

**THE FUTURE IS HERE!**

Dial-up access, DSL, cable...and now yet another promising technology for providing Internet access is on the horizon! Bi-directional satellite service is set to become the viable option for connectivity both at fixed and mobile locations. On November 14, over 100 librarians, technology directors, and bookmobile librarians gathered in Lexington to view the mobile system. Basically, a satellite dish is mounted atop a bookmobile, and signals are received from orbiting satellites. The trial far exceeded expectations – producing speeds of over 500kbps with eleven computers connected to the system. The Grayson County Public Library received the first “Cybermobile,” and it is up and running.



*Grayson County Public Library Cybermobile*

Fixed satellite service was also installed in the Nicholas County Public Library. The network there experiences download speeds of over 800 kbps with thirteen computers connected – and has had absolute reliability! The installation fee for fixed satellite service was \$2,000, and the library pays a very competitive \$129 per month for service. The fixed satellite system has the capability to run thirty-six workstations simultaneously.

The project is currently being evaluated over a longer period. Initial success is very encouraging, and several libraries have expressed interest in purchasing this system. For more information, please contact Terry Manuel at <[terry.manuel@kdla.net](mailto:terry.manuel@kdla.net)> or 1-502-564-8300, ext.269.

**‘CROSS THE COMMONWEALTH**



All across the Commonwealth public libraries and librarians are doing remarkable things that deserve the recognition of their colleagues. This column attempts to highlight some of these. Additional items for inclusion are welcome.

The **Webster County Public Library** received \$2,000 from the Fiscal Court's LGEA funds. LGEA funds are provided to the local governments in counties that produce coal or whose highways are used to transport coal. While the use of LGEA funds is limited, libraries are eligible recipients.

The **Logan County Public Library** has had some successful programs. Recently, six antique appraisers donated their time, and patrons were allowed to have two items appraised. In a variation of a library program, a volunteer demonstrated making a folded star Christmas ornament that resembles a quilt pattern. The demonstration lasted all day, and 51 persons participated.

The public Libraries in the **Cumberland Valley Region** pooled their resources to purchase a \$2,500 videocassette cleaning system. The system rotates among libraries in the region.

The **George Coon Public Library** in Caldwell County collected dry and canned food items for the Pennyryle Allied Community Service Office during the holiday season.

The **Hickman County Public Library** received a donation of \$800 from a local heating and air conditioning business to help with the library's maintenance and operating expenses.

The South Paducah Kiwanis Club donated proceeds from a chili supper to the **McCracken County Public Library** to update and replace the library's juvenile series, *The Boxcar Children*.

The **Harlan County Public Library** and the **Casey County Public Library** are recipients of early childhood development grants from KDLA.

The libraries of the **Purchase/Pennyryle Region** hosted an appreciation dinner for their legislative representatives in October. Seven legislators from the General Assembly attended, as well as a representative from Congressman Ed Whitfield's office. Library staff and trustees rounded out the crowd of over fifty. The informal evening ended with a photo session.

## LFPL POLL: MOST BACK INCREASE

More than two-thirds of city and county residents believe spending for the Louisville Free Public Library should increase, according to a public-opinion survey about library services and facilities. "All of us thought the (poll) responses would be positive, but not this dramatic," said Graham Cooke, a member of the Louisville Free Public Library Advisory Board.

Louisville and Jefferson County now split the cost of library operations. But that status is uncertain heading into the new merged government, which takes office in January 2003, and library officials haven't ruled out trying to create a countywide library taxing district that could require a referendum.

Library officials say they took a major step forward when the city and county provided extra money, effective Sept. 1, to keep all branches open Monday through Thursday nights and to have Sunday hours at seven branches. Craig Buthod, Library Director, said the poll might provide support for the budget they are to propose to city and county officials next spring.

The poll was conducted by the University of Louisville Urban Studies Institute, which was paid \$16,000 by the Louisville Free Public Library Foundation.

## LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER

*Find 15 library-related words in the following puzzle:*

R N T P Y H P A R G O I B L  
E O R R U M F V C B O O K S  
F I U T J R A I I D A E R Z  
E T S O R U T F C D E W E Y  
R A T B G O P F M T E I E P  
E L E E L H L A Q S I O D R  
N U E O N Y P T F K Z O S O  
C C G G M R I S A C K H N G  
E R N P S O E E T A U R T R  
C I P S V T S T A T O B E A  
S C R T I S U R N S T Z A M  
B O O K D R O P A I D V E S

A list of the library-related words are listed under "Publications" on KDLAs web page at <[www.kdla.net](http://www.kdla.net)>.

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## **LIBRARY TRIVIA CORNER**

List of library-related words:

Biography  
Bookdrop  
Books  
Circulation  
Dewey  
Fiction  
Internet  
Programs  
Read  
Reference  
Stacks  
Staff  
Story Hour  
Trustee  
Videos